THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The recommendation made by the consultant is under consideration.

Drug Policy

3169. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 423 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry was associated with the finalisation of the drug policy relating to the criteria for identification of drugs under National Health Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that the measures which were announced by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals contain the decisions of Government on Drug Policy;

(c) whether it is a fact that measures provide that all the drugs required for National Health Programme would from Category-I;

(d) what are the reasons for his Ministry not to have followed the measures; and

(e) what are the full contents of the letter of 26th May, 1987 referred to by him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Ministry of Health was consulted at the time of preparation of the new drug policy by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals in their criteria for identification of drugs under National Health Programmes was set by the Department of Chemicals finally.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Measures for Rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India provide that "Category I would consist of drugs required for the National Health Programmes". It does not specify that all "all" the drugs required for the National Health Programmes would form Category I.

(d) and (e) As advised by Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, drugs used for the 11 identified National Health Programmes, were recommended for categorisation. The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals in their letter dated 26-5-87 had suggested that a list of drugs actually used at present in significant quantities under the National Health Programmes should be sent to them. Also as and when new drugs are introduced these can be added to Category I.

Drugs under National Health Programmes

3170. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 535 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have finalised 14 National Health Programmes;

(b) whether it is a also a fact that his Ministry drew up the list of drugs for fourteen Health Programmes and sent to Ministry of Industry for inclusion under price control;

(c) on what basis the list of 11 programmes have been provided to expect committee;

(d) what are the names of programmes which have not been provided; and

(e) what is the budget allocated to each of these programmes during 1987-88 and 1988-89

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Although a list of drugs required for 14 Health Programmes was drawn and referred to the De-

partment of Chemicals, subsequently on a review made by the Director General of Health Services and the Ministry, a list of 11 National Health Programmes was identified for price control recommendations. The criteria for identification of these 11 National Health Programmes broadly is that the diseases have a potential for interstate spread, the diseases produce a national problem and there are effective measures available to tackle the diseases on a national scale.

(d) and (e) The Health Programmes not provided and their budget allocation for 1987-88 and 1988-89 are follow:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1987-88	1988-89
(i) Diabetes Control	2.00	5.00
(ii) Cancer Control including studies in Nuclear Medicines with the Department of Atomic Energy	500.	1600.00
(iii) Mental Health	2.00	20.00

Shifting of category identification of drugs for category-I

3171. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4229 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) how many representations have been received by his Ministry in regard to shifting of category identification of drugs for CategoryI, exemption of drugs from price control from Industry Members of Parliament, Consumer Associations, Voluntary Health and Medical Associations and what are the details thereof;

(b) what action has been taken against each representation;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry referred certain representations to Kelkar Committee;

(d) if so, how many were sent with recommendation along with details of recommendations;

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry took certain decisions for which they are not empowered as per policy; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Fourty representations were received from members of Parliament and others. These related variously to identification of drugs for categorisation under Category I and Category II of the Drugs Prices Control Order, 1987, the necessity to include more drugs apart from those recommended and reclassification and exemptions for drugs like Rifampicin, Paracetamol, Diazepam and other tranquilizers.

(b) These representations, comments and requests were referred to an Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to review the identification of drugs.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Representations on recommendations were not sent to the Kelkar Committee. However, suggestions and comments were sent to the Deptt of Chemicals & Petrochemicals regarding reclassification of Rifampicin from Category I the Category II, exclusion of Diazepam and other tranquilizer from Category II and of Paracentmol from Category I.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

False test reports given by private drug testing laboratories

3172. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it it a fact that the private drug testing laboratories are given false test reports;

(b) whether the Lentin Commission in its report has substantiated this view; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to cancel approval to such private drug testing laboratories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules the